

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

Virginia Tech Shooting

SITUATION REPORT #2

1230 Hours 17 April 2007

New information is in bold italics.

SUMMARY

An early morning shooting occurred on the campus of Virginia Tech, beginning at approximately 0730 hours 16 April, 2007 resulting in **33 fatalities and 29 injuries**. **The gunman, identified as Cho Seung-hui, a 23-year-old English major from South Korea, is among the dead.** The shootings occurred in Ambler Johnston Hall and Norris Hall. The injured were transported to local hospitals in the Blacksburg and Roanoke areas.

Both President Bush and Governor Kaine are scheduled to be at VA Tech for the 1400 hour convocation ceremony today.

WEATHER FORECAST

Blacksburg Area: Mostly sunny, with a high near 60. Breezy, with a northwest wind 26 to 29 mph decreasing to between 16 and 19 mph. Winds could gust as high as 43 mph. **Tonight:** Mostly clear, with a low around 37. Northwest wind between 7 and 15 mph.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

State of Emergency: *As of 1650 hours 16 April Governor Timothy Kaine declared a State of Emergency due to the VA Tech Shooting.*

EOC Activation: The Virginia Department of Emergency Management/Virginia Emergency Operations Center is at Normal Operations, providing assistance to local and state agencies as requested. VEOC also in contact with VA Tech emergency staff. The Virginia Fusion Center is receiving and disseminating information as appropriate.

Protective Actions: **Local Emergency Declared:**
Montgomery County – 16 April at 1402 hours

EOC Activations:
Montgomery County – 16 April at 1300 hours and 3 command posts are set-up.

OPERATIONS SECTION

State Warning Point: Normal Operations, monitoring situation

Local Liaison: Contacting Montgomery County Emergency Manager, maintaining contact with VDEM Region 6 and Region 4 Coordinators to obtain situational awareness and accepting requests for resources.

<u>Request</u>	<u>Status</u>
20 pairs of night vision goggles – VA National Guard	Completed
5 public safety dispatchers – Accomack County, APCO	Completed
VDEM PIO Representative	Completed
6 to 10 CISM teams – VDH, VSP	In progress
Family Service Center - DSS	In progress

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EMERGENCY SERVICES BRANCH

ESF 8 – Public Health and Medical Services – VDH Regional Health Planner, Chief Medical Examiner and 9 additional personnel are on scene. All deceased have been removed to the Roanoke ME office. The OCME appeared for a briefing and advised that no identifications have occurred yet. A family briefing facilitated by Chief Medical Examiner will take place at 1300 hours today. The Emergency Coordination Center opened at 1300 hours 16 April and is coordinating activities with the VEOC.

ESF 13 – Virginia State Police (VSP) – VT Campus Police have relinquished Incident Command to VSP. Supported by FBI, ATF Agents and Campus Police efforts are being directed to site security and evidence collection. The Secretary of Public Safety and VSP Superintendent are on-scene.

HUMAN SERVICES BRANCH

ESF 6 – Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) – A Family Assistance Center has been established and will be open until 1800 hours today. Effective tomorrow operations will be 8 am to 6 pm until further notice. Currently there are 18 persons here representing 5 local DSS offices and 1 regional DSS office. Three families have been registered by staff. Arrangements are being made to have representatives from the Funeral Directors Association and the Bureau of Insurance available. Tomorrow staff from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund will be on site to begin taking applications. Behavioral Health Counselors have been on the scene since yesterday. American Red Cross (ARC) – Approximately 75 ARC volunteers and staff are currently responding to the incident. ARC PIO is on scene. ARC is providing meals to emergency response personnel.

LOGISTICS SECTION

ESF 7 - Resource Management – Coordinating resource requests.

PLANNING SECTION

ESF 5 - Emergency Management – Planning Section preparing daily Situation Reports.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

ESF 15 – Public Information – VDEM PIO is on scene at VA Tech. JIC will be established today.

LOCAL ACTIVITIES

Montgomery County Emergency Management, Montgomery County Sheriff's Department, VA Tech Police, and Emergency Response Personnel remain on-scene. VA Tech has contracted with Cook Counseling to assist students with addressing the incident. **The VA Tech Call Center Toll Free # is 800-533-1144. The Inn at Virginia Tech is providing support services to family members. The Squire Student Center is providing support services to students.**

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